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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR GOA SHIPPING REPORT

REF: STATE 088736 (CANBERRA ONLY)

1. GOA STUDY OF OVERSEAS CARGO SHIPPING REQUESTED REFTEL FOR FARRELL LINES WAS STIMULTED BY COMPLAINTS FROM BOTH SIDES REGARDING AUSTRALIAN SHIPPING LEGISLATION AND REGIME OF CLOSED CONFERENCES/SHIPPERS' COUNCILS. COMPLAINANTS FELT SYSTEM INADEQUATE AND INEFFICIENT. ACCORDINGLY, GOVERNMENT APPOINTED I. GRIGOR, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, COASTAL AND OVERSEAS BULK, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT, AND DR. HEAVER, A CANADIAN, TO UNDERTAKE STUDY.

2. REPORT WAS PRESENTED TO GOVERNMENT IN OCTOBER 1977 AND IS PRESENTLY BEING STUDIED BY INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE. THINKING IN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT IS THAT SOME OF REPORT'S RECOMMENDATIONS ARE LIKELY TO BE PROMPTLY IMPLEMENTED WHILE OTHERS WILL LANGUISH. EMBASSY IMPRESSION IS THAT DECISIONS MAY BE IN OFFING, BUT AT THIS STAGE IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO ASCERTAIN WHAT PACKAGE OF CHANGES IS LIKELY TO BE PRODUCED.

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3. REPORT ITSELF IS STILL WITH PRINTER AND WILL BE AVAILABLE IN ABOUT THREE WEEKS. EMBASSY HAS BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN COPY OF SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS, WHICH IT WILL TRANSMIT SEPARATELY. FULL REPORT WILL FOLLOW WHEN AVAILABLE.

4. FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE: IF CONSULATES HAVE ANY BRIEF

COMMENTS ON ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE OF AUSTRALIAN REGIME OF CLOSED
CONFERENCES/SHIPPERS' COUNCILS AS SEEN FROM THEIR PORT-CITY
VANTAGE POINTS, WASHINGTON HAS INDICATED SUCH COMMENTS WOULD
BE WELCOME.
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